



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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May 2015 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

June 12: Annual club Auction!

Highlights from the May Meeting:

Hilltop Contest will be September 26. Bob Burns, W9BU, and Tony Stokes, KU9V, will be coordinating this and the rules will be posted on the website soon.

Bob Osterhous, W9PSE, announced that he is looking for helpers for the Indy hamfest.

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, announced that he has Indy Hamfest tickets for sale for \$6.

Our speaker was Mike Goode, N9NS, about his DXpedition to American Samoa as W1AW/KH8.

After Mike's presentation, Ron Cooper, WB9DKL, was awarded the 4-Grid award for working the grid squares around Indy on 2 meter simplex.

Jim Rinehart, K9RU, asked that anyone who worked INQP put Indianapolis Radio Club on their submission.

There were 49 in attendance.

[Editor's note: Thanks to Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for supplying these notes in my absence.]

Ham Radio News:

DAYTON BUS PLANS

The club has chartered a bus to the Dayton Hamvention again this year. The day trip to Dayton will be on Saturday, May 16. The bus will have two pick up points: 6:30 am at Southern Plaza, and pick up around 7:00 am at Peddler's Mall on the east side. It will leave from Dayton around 4:00 pm. As in the past, there will be a short stop at

McDonald's in Richmond on the way to Dayton for breakfast, and a dinner stop at MCL in Richmond on the way back. The cost for the round trip is \$30 per person, and does not include admission to the Hamvention or either of the meals mentioned above. Tickets for the bus trip will be available at meetings, or by contacting club treasurer Rhonda Curtis, WS9H. The bus will drop off at the front door of Hara Arena, and be parked in close proximity of the facility so items can be stored on the bus for your convenience. Tickets for admission to the Hamvention are available on their website at <http://hamvention.org/purchase-tickets/>.

“USE IT OR LOSE IT” NET

Starting May 7, the newly re-formed “Use it or Lose it” net is running on the new 224.220 (88.5 pl) repeater just east of Danville. The net will run every other Thursday, so the next net will be May 21, followed by June 4, etc. The net begins at 7:30 pm, local time. There will also be a 2 meter link active on 146.55 (no pl). The first net, on May 7 had several check ins, including Greg, KC9NRO, on a handheld from the west side of Indy. This net, as well as the weekly net on 224.800 (pl 88.5) on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 are a great time to check out your 220 gear.

POSTAGE RATE INCREASE DELAYED

It appears now that the USPS is targeting May 31 for the rate increase announced in the last newsletter.

First Class letters of one ounce will NOT change, remaining at the current 49 cents. However, for each ounce over one the rate will go from 21 to 22 cents. Post cards will go from 34 to 35 cents. Letters to all International destinations will go up from \$1.15 to \$1.20.

OPERATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are now open for the new Indiana Section ARRL ARO of the Year Award. Section Manager Joseph, K9RFZ, has sent nominations and rules announcements to all ARRL Affiliated clubs in Indiana and PIOs are asked to spread the word across the state. Nominations will close Aug. 31, so there is ample time to recognize a fellow amateur radio operator that is especially deserving of recognition of his or her hard work in advancing the art and science of amateur radio, mentoring, volunteering, Elmering, etc. Nomination forms may be requested by contacting the Section Manager at k9rfz@arrl.org. If several of you want to nominate one person, please work together and use a single form.

HELP NEEDED FOR INDY HAM FEST BOOTH

I received this note from Bob Osterhous, W9PSE. Contact Bob at rosterhous@iquest.net if you can help.

Purpose: 1. To help new hams get on the AIR. 2 Meter Handi display, catalogs, Help sheets .."Elmers" etc.

2. HF Rig on the Air W9JP showing PSK RTTY & SSB Demo

3. DIGITAL Set-up D-Star - DMR Fusion etc. (Live demonstrations) & INFO REMOTE OPERATION

Thus: Need operators and equipment: 3 10 x 10 Tents/ Sun Screen open sides.
3 20 Amp 12 VDC Power Supplies Etc.
1 HF 10-40 Dipole & cables.
1 HF RIG with HRD or software for PSK

RTTY +
SSB

2 - 2/440 Verticals w/ poles and base. + cables.
All types of Digital gear & INFO. ETC.

This set-up is to be in Front of the "Last Year old equipment bldg" on the grass area.
115 VAC should be available for us.

This is just a preliminary list and ideas for some "HELP BOOTHS FOR NEW HAMS AND TO SHOW NEW CURRENT MODES ETC."

We need operators – equipment & Tents... Let Bob W9PSE know how you can help.
(This saving the club \$400.00)

N9FIM STEPPING DOWN FROM SKYWARN NET CONTROL

After 20 years at the helm, Bob Blake, N9FIM, announced that this will be his final year running the Marion County Skywarn net. Marion County ARES has agreed to become net manager and curator of Skywarn for Marion County starting in 2016.

INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB VE TESTING SCHEDULE

(All sessions start at 12:00 noon)

June 13, 2015 - Salvation Army EDS Training Facility, 4020 Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis, IN
Contact: James K. Rinehart, (317) 495-1933, Email: k9ru@arrl.net

July 11, 2015 - Indianapolis Hamfest, Marion County Fairgrounds (Setup and test session times to be announced later) Contact: Rhonda S. Curtis, (317) 363-7457,
Email: ws9h@arrl.net

HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

I have a new 3 500 tube that I would like to sell. I paid \$190 for it and I would be pleased to receive \$125 for it. I also have an unused MFJ Artificial Ground. I would like to receive around \$90 for the unit. Thanks, David Wilhelmus, WA9OUX
Contact : wilhelmusdavid@gmail.com
Phone: 317 926-2358

MORE HAM RADIO GEAR FOR SALE

In order to make room on the shelf, I am selling my Yaesu FT-897D, along with some accessories. I am the original owner of the rig, having purchased it new in July of 2005. At that time, I purchased the radio and the "built in" FP-30B power supply (no noise). Later, in October of 2005, I ordered the LDG AT-897 tuner (not the current "plus" model). Finally, in November of 2005, I installed a SSB filter in the rig. It also comes with the stock hand microphone and manual. As a "bonus", I will throw in the carrying case I have the radio in currently. It's a "road case" attaché that I used to use for a portable DAT (Digital Audio Tape) recorder, that was repurposed for the radio and it's accessories.

My total investment in all this is just under \$1400. I am willing to sell the complete package for \$800 (Price reduced).

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FCC PROPOSES TO PERMIT AMATEUR ACCESS TO 2200 AND 630 METERS

Amateur Radio is poised to gain access to two new bands! The FCC has allocated a new LF band, 135.7 to 137.8 kHz, to the Amateur Service on a secondary basis. Allocation of the 2.1 kHz segment, known as 2200 meters, was in accordance with the Final Acts of the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07). The Commission also has proposed a new secondary 630 meter MF allocation at 472 to 479 kHz to Amateur Radio, implementing decisions made at WRC-12. No Amateur Radio operation will be permitted in either band until the FCC determines, on the basis of comments, the specific Part 97 rules it must frame to permit operation in the new bands. Amateur Radio would share both allocations with unlicensed Part 15 power line carrier (PLC) systems operated by utilities to control the power grid, as well as with other users.

Look for mobile antennas for these new bands to be advertised in next April's QST.

BRIDGECOM SYSTEMS TO HAVE BOOTH AT HAMVENTION

Greg, KC9NRO, advised that anyone interested in 220 repeaters may want to check out Bridgecom's booth at Dayton this weekend. Greg is a satisfied user. They will be at booth SA0316.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Gavin Roberts, W9YE

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the April – May, 1962 *Amachewer*:

PHILOSOPHERS CORNER

Dick, K9SVB, the Old Kentuckian, tells of an amateur at Columbus, Indiana, who really took care of the TVI problem. It seems this particular Amateur was constantly interfering with his neighbor's TV reception. After many trips back and forth between the two houses, and many all night sessions at this particular amateur's home, the neighbor was finally converted to ham radio. Dick says now that the neighbor has his ham license, he doesn't have time to watch the "One-eyed Monster", sooo no more TVI complaints!

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- May 15 – 17: Dayton Hamvention More info at <http://hamvention.org/>
- May 16: Indy Radio Club Bus to Dayton Hamvention
- July 11: Indianapolis Hamfest at Marion County Fairgrounds
Go to <http://www.indyhamfest.com/> for more information.
- September 19: Greenfield Hamfest at First Church of God, Greenfield. Go to <http://www.w9atg.org/?q=node/2> for more info.

2015 Officers:

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